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Applicant(s): Richard CARTLEDGE et al.

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OF AN ANATOMIC ORIFICE OR LUMEN

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants submit that the present application now stands in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.